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REMARKS

Claims 1, 6, 10, 22, and 24 have been amended. Claims 9, 14-21 and 23 have been canceled. Thus, claims 1-8, 10-13, 22, 24, and 25 remain pending in this application. No new matter has been added. In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all of the presently pending claims are allowable.

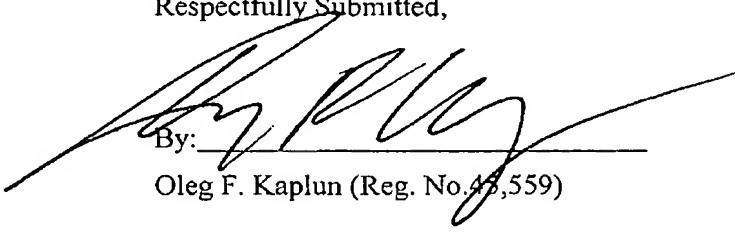
Claims 1-5 and 7-13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Richter (EP No. 0976417A) in view of Cohen (U.S. Patent No. 5,167,239). Applicants have amended claim 1 to recite that an anchoring module includes a drive mechanism that allows it to be advanced along the guide wire to a desired location. The Examiner relies on the balloon of Cohen for the anchoring module in the claim, but the Cohen balloon is not advanced relative to its guide wire by any drive mechanism. The Cohen balloon is instead permanently fixed at a particular location on the guide wire. Thus, Cohen or Richter do not teach an anchoring module with a drive mechanism as recited in claim 1. Applicants submit that claims 2-5 and 7-13 are patentable for at least the same reason.

Claims 22 - 25 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as obvious over Richter in view of Cohen and U.S. Published Application No. 2002/0065523 to McAlister et al. ("McAlister") (12/27/06 *Office Action*, pg. 6). Applicants have amended claim 22 to recite that the anchoring module includes a motor for moving the anchoring module relative to the guide track. Thus, claims 22-25 are patentable for the same reasons given above, since McAlister does not overcome this deficiency in Richter and Cohen.

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It is therefore respectfully submitted that all of the presently pending claims are allowable. All issues raised by the Examiner having been addressed, and an early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

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